

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Claims 1-5, 7-10 and 12-14 are now in the application.

Claims 1-5, 7-10 and 12-14 are subject to examination.

Claims 6 and 11 have been canceled. Claims 1, 3, 8 and 13 have been amended.

In item 2 on pages 2-3 of the above-identified Office Action, claims 1-2, 5 and 7 have been rejected as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,205,124 to Hamdi (hereinafter Hamdi) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,163,531 to Kumar (hereinafter Kumar) under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

In item 3 on pages 3-5 of the above-identified Office Action, claims 1-5, 7, 10 and 12 have been rejected as being obvious over Kumar in view of Hamdi under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

As noted in item 5 on page 7 of the Office Action, claims 6, 8-9, 11 and 13-14 have been indicated as allowable.

The features of allowable claim 6 have been incorporated into claim 1. Claim 6 has been canceled.

Claim 8 has been put in independent form.

The features of allowable claim 11 have been incorporated into claim 3. Claim 11 has been canceled.

Claim 13 has been put in independent form.

The dependent claims are believed to be patentable as well because they all are ultimately dependent on claim 1 or 3.

The application now contains four independent claims. Please find enclosed a credit card authorization for \$200.00 for the additional independent claim.

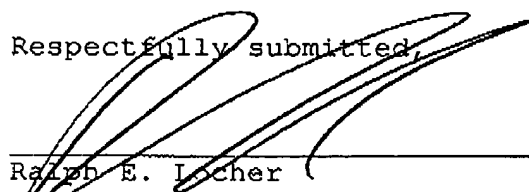
In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-5, 7-10 and 12-14 are solicited.

If an extension of time is required, petition for extension is herewith made. Any extension fee associated therewith should be charged to the Deposit Account of Lerner Greenberg Stemmer, LLP, No. 12-1099.

Please charge any other fees that might be due with respect to Sections 1.1 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner

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Respectfully submitted,



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